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Applicant's or agent's file reference 56253-PCT (71699)	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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Applicant THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE		

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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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☒ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01N33/543 G01N33/50

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, EPO-Internal, COMPENDEX, BIOSIS, CHEM ABS Data, MEDLINE, SCISEARCH, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	DEWEZ J-L ET AL: "Adhesion of mammalian cells to polymer surfaces: from physical chemistry of surfaces to selective adhesion on defined patterns" BIOMATERIALS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS BV., BARKING, GB, vol. 19, no. 16, August 1998 (1998-08), pages 1441-1445, XP004161407 ISSN: 0142-9612 the whole document	1-63
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T	LIU VALERIE A ET AL: "Engineering protein and cell adhesivity using PEO-terminated triblock polymers" J. BIOMED. MATER. RES.; JOURNAL OF BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS RESEARCH 2002, vol. 60, no. 1, 2002, pages 126-134, XP002209611 the whole document -----	

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